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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
TOHRU DEN ET AL. )  
Application No.: 09/895,464 )  
Filed: July 2, 2001 )  
For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING)  
STRUCTURE WITH PORES AND :  
STRUCTURE WITH PORES )      July 24, 2003

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 27, 2003, imposing a restriction requirement in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required election of a single disclosed invention for prosecution on the merits in this case. The Examiner alleged the existence of two patentably distinct inventions:

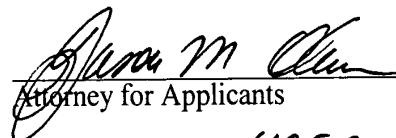
Group I: Claims 1-10, drawn to a method of manufacturing a structure with pores, classified in class 438, subclass 700; and

Group II: Claims 11 and 12, drawn to a structure with pores, classified in class 257, subclass 414.

Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-10, without traverse.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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